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Appropriations Committee Reports FY 2007 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Spending Bill

WASHINGTON, DC – The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs fiscal year 2007 spending bill.

FY 2006 Appropriation: \$81.2 billion (\$44 million in discretionary)
President's FY 2007 Request: \$94.7 billion (\$53.3 million in discretionary)
Committee Recommendation: \$94.3 billion (\$52.9 million in discretionary)

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION: \$6.5 billion, including:

- \$5.4 billion for Active Duty construction
- \$1.1 billion for Guard and Reserve construction

FAMILY HOUSING: \$3.99 billion, including:

- \$2.0 billion to fund family housing construction and construction improvements
- \$1.98 billion for operation and maintenance of existing units

BRAC: \$5.4 billion to implement BRAC actions

- \$5.2 billion for BRAC 2005 implementation
- \$191.2 million for prior BRAC rounds

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: The bill recommends over \$77.9 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Of this amount, \$41.416 billion is for mandatory programs (benefits and compensation) and \$36.493 billion is for discretionary programs.

- Medical Services – \$28.689 billion. This funding is equal to the President's request.
 - Does not include the requested legislative proposals for fee and co-payment increases.
 - Combines Medical Services and Medical Administration into one account.
- Construction – For construction programs, the bill recommends \$429 million for major construction, \$30 million above the administration's request, and \$168 million for minor construction.
- Medical and prosthetic research – The bill provides \$412 million for this program, which is \$13 million over the fiscal year 2006 request.
- Grants to State Extended Care Facilities – The subcommittee recommends \$85 million for extended-care facilities.

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